

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-14-17

Issued at Juneau, Alaska
October 11, 2017

Effective Date: October 12, 2017

Expiration Date: 30 June 2018
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order).

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident moose hunting seasons in the portion of Game Management Unit 5A west of the Dangerous River. This order takes effect at 12:00 pm, Thursday, October 12, 2017.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 5(A):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 5(A), except Nunatak Bench; that portion west of the Dangerous River	No Open Season	No Open Season
One bull by registration permit only		

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All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 5A are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Stephanie Sell
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game increased the 2017 harvest objective to 30 bull moose for the portion of the Yakutat Forelands west of the Dangerous River. As of Wednesday afternoon, October 11, 2017, 23 bulls have been harvested. We believe hunters have taken, but not yet reported, additional moose and expect the harvest will meet or exceed the harvest objective. An aerial survey in December 2016 found 38 bulls:-100 cow moose which exceeds the Yakutat area management objective of 25 bulls:100 cows, which lead area managers to increase the quota to 30 bulls. To ensure an adequate number of bulls are available to breed all cows, the growth of this population and future harvest opportunity, we believe it is important to not exceed the harvest objective of 30 bulls.

Because the harvest objective of 30 bull moose is expected to be reached during the federal subsistence moose season the State of Alaska moose hunting season will not open in 2017 in the area west of the Dangerous River to Yakutat Bay on the Yakutat Forelands. An Emergency Order (01-14-17) has been issued closing the state moose hunting season in this area on Thursday, October 12, 2017 @ 12:00 pm. The United States Forest Service will issue a news release closing the federal moose hunting season in this area, effective October 12, 2017 @ 12:00pm.

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